NHs passing through Karnataka

1141. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways which pass through Karnataka;

(b) the number of districts that are covered by the National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to cover the remaining districts of Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Fourteen National Highways pass through Karnataka.

(b) Out of total twenty seven districts in Karnataka, twenty-five districts are covered by the National Highways.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal at present.

Four-laning of Buxar-Patna Highway

1142. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the development plan for Buxar-Patna Highway in Bihar;

(b) whether it is covered under four-laning scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time frame for the completion of the project;

(d) whether it is a fact that a segment of this Highway is badly damaged; and

(e) if so, the plan of Government to complete the repair work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Patna-Buxar section of NH-30 and NH-84 is included under NHDP Phase-IIIB for which mandate is for preperation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

(d) and (e) Development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) is a continuous process which is carried on in a phased manner depending upon availability of funds and *inter-se* priority of works. However, all the NHs including NH-30 and NH-84 are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources.

Road projects in Bihar under NHDP-III

†1143. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects of Bihar approved or proposed to be approved under third phase of National Highways Development Programme;

(b) the amount allocated for the same; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) In the State of Bihar, nine National Highways stretches totalling to 890 km have been identified for upgradation under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III. This has been divided into 10 stretches. The project cost of these stretches has been assessed to be Rs. 6854 crore. At present these projects are proposed to be taken up on Build, Operate and Transfer basis.

Patna-Muzaffarpur section of NH-19 and 77 and Patna-Bakhtiarpur section of NH-30 have been included in NHDP Phase-IIIA for implementation and the rest of the stretches are presently included in NHDP Phase-IIIB for preparation of Detailed Project Report.

Construction of Rail Over Bridges by NHAI

1144. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is to construct eleven (11) Rail Over Bridges (ROB) under National Highway Development

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